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Response to OA dated September 20, 2007

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 11 have been amended in order to more particularly point out, and distinctly claim the subject matter to which the Applicants regard as their invention. Claims 6, 9, 16 and 19 are amended to change the dependency in view of the cancellation of Claims 3 and 13.

Claims 3 and 13 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. New Claims 21-26 are added. Support for Claims 21-26 is found on page 32, line 17 to page 33, line 2 of the specification. The Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter has been added. It is believed that this Amendment is fully responsive to the Office Action dated September 20, 2007.

In the Office Action, Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 11, 13, 14 and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Paul McFedries, The Complete Idiot's Guide to Windows XP, in view of Jaaskelainen, (US Patent No. 5,835,088) and in further view of Wolfe, (US Patent No. 6,341,305). Reconsideration and removal of this rejection are respectfully requested in view of the present amendments to the claims and the following remarks.

It is respectfully submitted that the Office Action is mischaracterizing the cited references. It is alleged that Jaaskelainen discloses a title list in a region other than a region where a task bar is displayed, and refers to FIG. 6 at (230). However, FIG. 6 at (230) is "The Table of Window Order Preference" queue. To display such window it is necessary to perform a key entry, for example tab-alt key, as taught at column 7, lines 58-63. It is respectfully submitted that the "Table of Window Order Preference" queue would not correspond to the claimed "title list display".

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Regarding the feature of Claims 3 and 13, which are now incorporated into Claims 1 and 11, respectively, it is respectfully submitted that Figs. 25.4 and 15.4 of McFedries which are referred to by the Examiner in the rejection of Claims 3 and 13, merely disclose the displaying methods of the taskbar buttons in the taskbar. That is, Figs. 25.3 and 25.4 of McFedries do not disclose or suggest the features of present claims 1 and 11.

It is further alleged that Wolfe teaches a taskbar, window switching apparatus, having information scrolled within, in FIG. 22 at (810). In Wolfe, scrolling window (810) is for displaying supplemental information relevant to information displayed in a browser window (806). Applicants respectfully submit that such scrolling window would not correspond to the claimed, window switching apparatus.

Regarding Claims 4, 6, 14 and 16, it is alleged that it is well known in the art that when a mouse cursor rolls over the taskbar area in Windows XP, the title of the taskbar will appear above the cursor. Applicants respectfully submit that the title of the taskbar appearing above the cursor does not correspond to the entire title list being displayed in the neighborhood of the mouse cursor.

In view of the above-indicated amendments and above remarks, removal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 7, 9, 10, 17, 19 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Paul McFedries, in view of Jaaskelainen, in view of Wolfe, and in further view of Leavitt, (US Patent No. 6,918,091). Reconsideration and removal of this rejection are respectfully requested in

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view of the present claim amendments and the following remarks.

The Office Action alleges that Leavitt shows a customizable user definable interface. It is respectfully submitted that Leavitt does not show or suggest a "drum-like" title list, as presently claimed. FIGS. 8A to 8F of Leavitt shows arrangements disclosed by Leavitt. The figures do not include a drum-like title list, and do not suggest a drum-like title list.

In view of the above-indicated amendments and the above remarks, removal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

In view of the aforementioned amendments and accompanying remarks, Claims 1, 4, 6-7, 9-11, 14, 16, 17 and 19-26 as amended, are believed to be patentable and in condition for allowance, which action, at an early date, is requested.

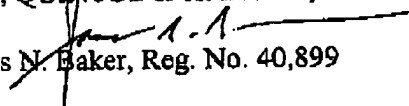
If, for any reason, it is felt that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

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In the event that this paper is not timely filed, the Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fees for such an extension of time and any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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